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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexanria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Official Action (restriction requirement) issued July 8, 2003, Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group I, claims 1-22, drawn to liquid crystal compositions and optically anisotropic elements. Such election is made in an effort to expedite prosecution of the present application, and is made without addressing the propriety of the Examiner's comments set forth in the Official Action.

If the Examiner has any questions or comments regarding the present application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Sir:

Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.

- ☐ A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.
- ☐ A Terminal Disclaimer and the ☐ \$55.00 (2814) ☐ \$110.00 (1814) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d) are also enclosed.
- ☐ Also enclosed is/are _____.
- ☐ Small entity status is hereby claimed.
- ☐ Applicant(s) requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the ☐ \$375.00 (2801) ☐ \$750.00 (1801) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).
- ☐ Applicant(s) requests that any previously unentered after final amendments not be entered. Continued examination is requested based on the enclosed documents identified above.
- ☐ Applicant(s) previously submitted ___, on ___, for which continued examination is requested.
- ☐ Applicant(s) requests suspension of action by the Office until at least ___, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.

- ☐ A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (1809/2809) is also enclosed.
- ☒ No additional claim fee is required.
- ☐ An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:

| A M E N D E D C L A I M S | | | | | |
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| | NO. OF CLAIMS | HIGHEST NO. OF CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | EXTRA CLAIMS | RATE | ADD'L FEE |
| Total Claims | 23 | MINUS 23 = | 0 | × \$18.00 (1202) = | \$0.00 |
| Independent Claims | 3 | MINUS 3 = | 0 | × \$84.00 (1201) = | 0.00 |
| If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$280.00 (1203) | | | | | |
| Total Claim Amendment Fee | | | | | 0.00 |
| If small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Claim Amendment Fee | | | | | |
| TOTAL ADDITIONAL CLAIM FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT | | | | | \$0.00 |

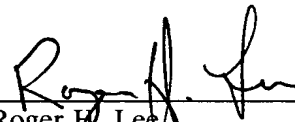
☐ A total fee in the amount of \$ _____ is enclosed.

☐ Charge \$ _____ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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